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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to: recombinant DNA encoding the *SbfI* restriction endonuclease as well as the *SbfI* methylase, and expression of the *SbfI* restriction endonuclease and *SbfI* methylase in *E. coli* cells containing the recombinant DNA; and methods for cloning the *SbfI* restriction gene (*sbfIR*) from *Streptomyces species Bf-61* into *E. coli* by PCR. The method relied on primers based on DNA sequences predicted from amino acid sequences of the purified *SbfI* restriction endonuclease.